

REMARKS

An obvious typographical error has been corrected in claim 6.

Claims 1 through 16 are pending in the subject patent application. Claims 1 through 16 have been rejected. The drawings have been objected to as containing informalities. Accordingly, claims 1, 6, 14, and 15 have been amended to overcome the grounds of rejection.

Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested in view of these amendments and the arguments below.

Objections to the Drawings

The Official Draftsman has objected to the drawings on the basis of informalities. Attorney for Applicant acknowledges the aforementioned informalities, and they will be appropriately amended upon receipt of the Notice of Allowability.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1 through 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 1, 14, 15, and 16 have been amended to remedy the errors noted by the Examiner, as well as similar errors occurring elsewhere in these four claims. As claims 2 through 13 either directly or indirectly depend on claim 1, they are also now definite.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this basis for rejecting the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112 has been overcome.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 through 16 would be allowable, if rewritten to overcome the §112 rejections. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 through 16 are patentable, and that the application is now in a condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (409)779-8166 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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